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**Department of Fish and Game 2005/2006 Hunt Schedule for
Carrizo Plain Ecological Reserve, Chimineas Unit**

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) will provide hunting opportunities on the Chimineas Unit of the Carrizo Plain Ecological Reserve in 2005/2006, including additional opportunities for mobility-impaired hunters. During the appropriate seasons, walk-on hunting for dove, rabbits, quail, and wild pigs will be limited to Wednesdays and Saturdays during the first half of September and throughout the months of December, January and February.

All access will be restricted during October and November during the elk hunting seasons and the Chimineas Unit will be closed to hunting between March and September. Walk-on access is only available from Highway 166. Free access permits will be available at the feed lot parking lot and at the Caliente Peak trailhead.

Vehicle access for hunting will occur on three weekends. Twenty-five permits will be drawn for each of these two-day hunts and each permit is good for two hunters. To apply for one of these hunts, applicants need to submit a self-addressed envelope and a letter or postcard with the hunter's name, address, telephone number, and hunting license number to:

California Department of Fish & Game
20 Lower Ragsdale Road, Suite 100
Monterey, CA 93940

For the first time, DFG will offer five additional permits for each hunt to mobility-impaired hunters to allow them to gain access to the property. The application process is the same as for the regular drawing above. Applicants should add the words "Special Draw" to the Attention line when addressing their envelope to the Department. Successful applicants will need to show either a Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License or a standard handicap vehicle placard or license plate on the day of the hunt. If more than five applicants apply, there will be a drawing among the mobility-impaired applicants.

Applicants may submit only one application for each hunt and applications need to be received at the address above by 5 p.m. on the due date. Applications received late, incomplete, or without a self-addressed envelope will not be considered in the draw. Successful applicants will receive additional information, including maps and special regulations, prior to the hunt.

The first drive-on hunt will be Sept. 10-11, 2005 for dove, pig and rabbit. Applications must be received by Aug. 11. Include "Attention: September Chimineas Hunt" when addressing an envelope to DFG.

The second drive-on hunt will be Dec. 10-11, 2005 for dove, quail, pig and rabbit. Applications must be received by Nov. 10. Include "Attention: December Chimineas Hunt" when addressing an envelope to DFG.

The last drive-on hunt will be Jan. 7-8, 2006 for quail, pig and rabbit. Applications must be received by Dec. 18. Include "Attention: January Chimineas Hunt" when addressing an envelope to DFG.